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AF/W FOR TOM SMITH

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: U.S. ASSISTANCE TO GOL FOR OAU 1979 CONFERENCE

REF: MONROVIA 5141

1. IN RESPONSE TO MY REQUEST FOR A RENEWED LOOK BY MISSION STAFF MEMBERS AT POSSIBILITIES FOR OUR ASSISTANCE TO OAU '79 (REFTEL), USAID HAS SUGGESTED THAT IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO PROVIDE SUPPORT UNDER PRESENT AID PROGRAMS IN THE AREAS LISTED BELOW. I ASSUME THAT SPECIAL PERMISSION FROM AID/W WOULD HAVE TO BE OBTAINED FOR THIS APPLICATION OF PROGRAM FUNDS. IN EACH CASE THE RATIONALE WOULD BE THAT THE ITEMS PURCHASED WOULD BE USED FOR THE OAU '79 CONFERENCE AND THEN RELEASED FOR PURPOSES ORIGINALLY PROGRAMMED. AN INFORMAL INQUIRY WITH AID/W TO SEE WHAT THE CHANCES MIGHT BE IN THESE AREAS COULD PROVE HELPFUL. USAID/L INFORMS THAT THE JUSTIFICATION FOR BOTH A AND B BELOW WOULD BE CONSIDERABLY WEAKER THAN THAT FOR THEIR NORMAL PROGRAMMING AND ASSUME THAT A SUITABLY STRONG POLITICAL

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JUSTIFICATION WILL BE PROVIDED BY THE DEPARTMENT TO JUSTIFY THESE "Marginally Useful" INPUTS.

(A) MOBILE HEALTH CLINIC: SUCH A CLINIC WOULD BE USEFUL TO THE CONFERENCE ORGANIZERS IN ASSURING ADEQUATE HEALTH CARE FOR THE HEADS OF STATE AND THEIR STAFF. PERHAPS IT COULD BE PURCHASED UNDER THE HEALTH MANAGEMENT

PLANNING PROJECT AS A "PILOT INVESTIGATION OF MOBILE MEDICAL CARE." FOLLOWING THE CONFERENCE IT WOULD BE TURNED OVER TO THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH.

(B) VEHICLES: THE OAU CONFERENCE PLANNERS NEED TRANSPORTATION FOR THOSE ATTENDING THE CONFERENCE. MINI-BUSES WOULD PROBABLY BE MOST SUITABLE BUT A SUBURBAN-TYPE VEHICLE WOULD ALSO BE ACCEPTABLE. SOME WOULD BE CHARACTERIZED AS REPLACEMENT VEHICLES AND SOME IN ANTICIPATION OF SOON-TO-BE STARTED PROJECTS. FOLLOWING THE CONFERENCE THEY WOULD BE SENT TO APPROPRIATE DESTINATIONS.

2. IN ADDITION, WE ARE LOOKING INTO THE POSSIBILITY OF PROVIDING HELP IN THE TRAINING OF THE HUNDREDS OF WORKERS TO BE RECRUITED FOR THE LODGING, FEEDING AND TRANSPORT OF THE OVER 2,000 DELEGATES. J.T. SMITH, THE LOCAL AALC REPRESENTATIVE, IS ASKING HIS HEADQUARTERS WHAT CAPABILITIES AALC MIGHT HAVE FOR THIS TYPE OF TRAINING. BASED ON THE RESPONSE HE RECEIVES, WE WOULD APPROACH THE GOL TO SEE WHAT SPECIFIC NEEDS IT HAS.

3. ARE THERE POSSIBILITIES IN THE FIELD OF EXCESS PROPERTY WHICH MIGHT BE USED FOR CLEANING UP MONROVIA? AID HAS AN EXCESS PROPERTY OFFICE THAT MIGHT BE OF HELP.
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